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Great Sir,

WE could wiſh your Majeſty had a Window in our Breaſts, through which you might diſcern how our Souls Embrace your Royal Clemency with the higheſt Admiration, and yet with the profoundeſt Veneration.

For we look upon our ſelves truly tranſplanted from a hotter Climate, and happily ſeated under the temperate Zone of your Majeſty's moſt mild and gentle Government, where inſtead of the ſcorching Beams of Severity, which had almoſt calcined us to Aſhes, we now feel the cool Breezes of your Majeſty's Favour to revive and refreſh us.

Really Sir, though we pretend not to any refin'd Intellectuals, nor preſume to Philoſophiſe upon the Myſteries of Government, neither to pry into the Myſteries of State; which things as they are far above, ſo they belong not to us at all, yet we make ſome ſmall Pretence to the Senſe of Feeling,

Feeling; whatever our Dullneſs may be, yet we can eaſily diſtinguiſh between a Wound and a Plaiſter; and know the difference between the ſmart Laſhes of ſome of our Fellow-Subjects, and the healing Clemency of our Sovereign.

We now, (Dear Sir) ſilently wait for ſome happy juncture to give your Majeſty ſuch eſſential Proofs of our Loyalty, and the Sincerity of this our humble Addreſs; as may demonſtrate that the greateſt things, we have been able to expreſs or promiſe in this poor Paper is the leaſt thing we ſhall chearfully perform for your Majeſty's ſervice and ſatisfaction.

Go on (Great Sir) in this your Royal Line, (that is) your own proper Way and Method of Grace and Clemency, that the World may be more fully and further convinced, that you are the beſt as well as the greateſt, and therefore the greateſt, becauſe the beſt of Princes, that ſo if there ſhould remain any Seeds of Diſloyalty in any of your Subjects, this tranſcendent Goodneſs of yours may mortifie and kill them, or if any Sparks of Duty ſhould be almoſt ſmother'd in well-meaning, though miſtaken Minds, ſuch ſovereign Grace may awaken and revive them, which above all Regalia's, will moſt glorioufly adorn your Majeſty's Imperial Throne and Diadem. 6 AP 58

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